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Letter dated 3 August 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing on behalf of the coalition to support legitimacy in Yemen to inform you that during the 8323rd meeting of the Security Council, on the situation in the Middle East (Yemen), held on 2 August 2018, several Council members raised the issue of the attacks on Thawrah hospital and the nearby fish market. Preliminary investigations have revealed the repeated acts of aggression that have been committed by the Iranian-backed Houthi militias in Hudaydah. The coalition's investigation into this aggression found clear evidence that the damage in Hudaydah was caused by mortar shells fired from a Houthi-controlled territory.

The coalition to support legitimacy in Yemen condemns in the strongest terms the attacks by the Iranian-backed Houthi militias aimed at terrorizing civilians, damaging infrastructure and causing a possible cholera outbreak. The coalition wants to draw to your attention the continuous violations by the Houthi militias in bringing chaos to and creating unrest in the region. This growing aggressive behaviour is a result of the failure of the militia in the management of the city and port of Hudaydah. The coalition would also like to bring to your attention that the weapons used in this aggressive attack are known to be part of the Houthis' arsenal as indicated in the attachments.*

The coalition has developed and continues to update rules of engagement for military targets. The coalition furthermore calls for the Security Council to take urgent measures to ensure the full implementation of resolutions 2216 (2015) and 2231 (2015), and also to address the stockpile of Houthi weapons and to disarm this terrorist militia, in order to prevent the escalation of these attacks, which raise regional tensions and raise the risks of a broader regional confrontation.

Finally, the coalition requests for the present letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative

* On file with the Secretariat and available for consultation.

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